



**Health Care Cabinet:**  
**Business Plan Development Work Group**

Monday, June 4, 2012  
Meeting Minutes

**Members Present (8):** *Frances Padilla, Co-Chair; Ellen Andrews; Phil Boyle; Bonita Grubbs; David Guttchen; Alex Hutchinson; Linda St. Peter; Vicki Veltri*

**Members Absent (2):** *Nancy Yedlin, Co-Chair; Tom Woodruff*

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**Welcome and Introductions**

Frances Padilla opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. Members introduced themselves.

The minutes from the May 24 meeting were approved with changes.

Ms. Padilla reminded members of the Health Care Cabinet meeting on June 12 at 9:00am, at which the work group's preliminary recommendations will be presented and discussed.

**Review of Process for Developing and Agreeing on Recommendations**

Ms. Padilla asked members to discuss how the group would handle disagreements on the recommendations to the Cabinet. David Guttchen said that the recommendations should be the result of consensus among the members. Vicki Veltri suggested that members who disagree with some of the recommendations could submit a minority report if they felt it was necessary.

**Discussion of High-Level Preliminary Recommendations**

Ms. Padilla began a discussion of a revised draft of preliminary recommendations, which were distributed to members. She emphasized that a health value strategy is crucial to a proposed health reform business plan, and that this idea is central to the group's recommendations. Alex Hutchinson said that the recommendations should include a more detailed discussion about the importance of this value strategy.

Ms. Padilla then reviewed the four recommended goals proposed by the work group:

1. Diversify the Connecticut insurance marketplace with a range of nonprofit, public, and private health plans that expand access, enhance the patient care experience, improve health outcomes, and control costs.
2. Ensure that the Exchange promotes a value health strategy through the qualifying criteria it establishes for plans to be offered.
3. Address the gaps in access to affordable, quality care that will continue for certain groups, even with the implementation of the ACA.
4. Create a trusted and effective table for public agencies and the private sector to focus on identifying solutions and innovations in health care.

Ms. Veltri said that the second goal was too specific with regard to the Exchange. Several members agreed, and Ms. Padilla said that the recommendations would be revised to incorporate the second goal into the other three goals.

Regarding the third goal, there was discussion about the potential implementation of a Basic Health Plan (BHP). Mr. Guttchen mentioned that the Basic Health Plan Work Group is currently analyzing the BHP option and will make a recommendation to the Cabinet based on that analysis. Ms. Padilla said that the detailed information under the third goal would be revised to indicate that the BHP option is being analyzed.

Ms. Padilla said that the fourth goal would include providing more resources to the Office of Health Reform & Innovation in order to strengthen the coordination of health reform efforts. Bonita Grubbs mentioned that the All-Payer Claims Database would provide opportunities for coordination through the use of data.

Ms. Padilla closed the discussion by saying that input from members would be used to revise the preliminary recommendations prior to the Cabinet meeting on June 12.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.